

**SECTION:** CERTIFICATION

**SUBJECT:** Eligibility Requirement

**ITEM:** *Infants/Children: Nutrition Assessment Requirements--  
Determining Dietary Nutrition Need*



**Policy** The competent professional authority (CPA) shall assess whether a dietary nutrition need exists at each certification. The CPA shall use the information from the age appropriate nutrition questionnaires described below.

**Authority for policy** 7 CFR 246.7

**Determining need** Dietary nutrition need is determined by evaluating the nutrient intake and feeding patterns of the participant.

**Infants: assessment and documentation** Local agencies shall assess the food intake of infants using:

- the Breastfeeding/Postpartum Woman and Newborn Infant Questionnaire (DHS 4137) for infants under four months of age,
- the Infant Nutrition Questionnaire (DHS 4123) for ages four months to one year, or
- an alternate form (see WPM Section 210-60.00 for mandatory questions).

If the infant's eligibility is based on a dietary risk, the local agency shall document identified indicator(s) of dietary nutrition need(s) in the "Other Conditions" field(s) in the Integrated Statewide Information System (ISIS).

**Children: assessment and documentation** Local agencies shall assess food intake of children using a 24-hour recall. If a child's eligibility is based on a dietary risk, the local agency shall:

- document serving sizes and total number of servings for each food group on:
  - the Child Nutrition Questionnaire (DHS 4109), or
  - an alternate form (see WPM Section 210-60.00 for mandatory questions),
- compare the dietary recall information to the information in the WPM Section 210-60.6 or 1000-10 to determine if a dietary indicator of nutrition need exists, and
- document identified indicator(s) of dietary nutrition need(s) in the "Other Conditions" field(s) in ISIS.